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**Subject:** RE: Congressman Costa writes USBR Commissioner.

She's the [REDACTED] Chair of the National Security Team, for Christ's sake! She should call OBAMA on the carpet and insist that he direct Interior to get real! If "Blackie" won't return her call, she should schedule a press conference on the steps of the Capitol or in front of Michelle's house.....and tell the media the truth: THE AREA IS BEING DEVISTATED BY ADMINISTRATIVE INACTION!

Either she represents the State of California...or not, TOM!

Sorry, but giving her a pass out of fear that the NGO's might do something is [REDACTED]

I'm tired of these [REDACTED] politicians waltzing thru here...telling us how tough things are...picking our pockets for campaign \$\$\$\$..and they returning to DC and doing nothing! Put their [REDACTED] careers on the line.....or step down!

THERE.....ANY QUESTIONS?

P.S. You owe me a new keyboard. I just broke this one.....and my fingers are bleeding!!!

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Mark,

You should know that I have been working very closely with Senator Feinstein's office. Earlier this week I concurred with her staff's assessment that it would be better for her to not sign onto Jim's letter because it would bring the NGOs out of the woodwork. Senator Feinstein and her staff have been pushing Interior and Reclamation behind the scenes.

Tom

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Thanks, Jim. Great letter! Appreciate your efforts.

This is total insanity....

## **Where the Hell is Feinstein & the Administration?**

*Does she/do they understand the impacts of losing 820,000 AF to the 2013-14 State/Federal allocations?*

- Jobs-
- 3X multiple to area Economic Activity (ie. Tax revenues?)
- People's lives (ie. defaults on home loans, auto loans, student loans; unaffordable living expenses)
  - Farm Workers (the Valley's towns)
  - Farm Families (generational enterprises)
  - Businesses in towns (reliance on purchases by farmers and their workers)
- The Area's/State's/Nation's economies are all suffering.....

*Everybody's broke, yet we deprive the area of \$1.5+ BILLION in economic activity by fallowing 190,000 acres just in the Westlands Water District?*

## **The Senator's silence is deafening!**